

# **Interim Ecosystem Management Guidelines WUP Management Unit Including Escanaba, Ishpeming, Baraga and Crystal Falls Forest Areas**

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## Salvage:

### Assumptions:

- This guideline pertains to type III permits, excluding firewood.
- New VMS guidelines will apply to the “permit requirement” section of this policy
- This guideline is written assuming that no on-site inspection will be required by FMFMD/WLD divisions. However, a review by both divisions will be necessary before the permit is issued.
- This policy will be made available at upcoming compartment reviews and open house functions

### Interim guidelines:

1. Salvage permits will not be written on fish-game purchased land or PR purchased lands.
2. Salvage harvests will be restricted to:
  - a. Intensively management pine plantations.
  - b. Areas within 200 feet of a forest road. Forest roads are defined as roads that can be traveled by a conventional 2 wheel drive vehicle. Trail roads that are revegetated and blocked with a berm or gate, or roads that would need additional clearing, are not included.
3. No new roads or skid trails will be built to extract wood products. Areas accessible only by winter roads will not be salvaged.
4. Salvage operations will be placed on a short duration permit, not to exceed 1 month.
5. Individual salvage permits shall not exceed 20 cords of wood products.

6. A map and a list of cutting specifications will be included with each permit. The area to be salvaged should be defined on the map so that no misunderstandings develop.
7. It should be noted that whether or not a stand is approved for a future intermediate or regeneration cut is immaterial. If a salvage of windthrown trees is planned and it was not approved at the compartment review, than all above listed guidelines must be followed. This includes the 200-foot limit from trail roads, 20-cord limit, short-term duration for the permit, and provision of cutting specs and map.
8. Salvage of trees outside of the above-defined criteria, or for amounts exceeding 20 cords, will require review by **Wildlife Division and FMFMD Unit and District Managers**. A "Request to harvest/treat trees outside the year of entry" form should be prepared and submitted for approval. If approval is granted, cutting shall occur only in those stands specified on the request form.